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- 1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES OR THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING FRANCA JARACH, CEDOLA DE IDENTIFICATION 631 2447. SHE WAS BORN IN BUENOS AIRES ON DECEMBER 19, 1957 AND DISAPPEARED, ACCORDING TO HER PARENTS, AT THE END OF JUNE 1976. MS. JARACH IS A GRADUATE OF COLEGIO NACIONAL DE BUENOS AIRES AND WAS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT. HER PARENTS, WHO ARE ITALIAN, REPORT THAT SHE PHONED ONCE, ABOUT TEN DAYS AFTER HER DISAPPEARANCE, STATING THAT SHE HAD BEEN DETAINED AND WAS IN GOOD HEALTH. THEY BELIEVE SHE HAD "NO IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE OPPOSITION."
- 2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES AND THE PAPAL NUNCIO HAVE UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT NEWS OF MS. JARACH. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF HER ARREST, BUT WE UNDERSTAND UNOFFICIALLY THAT SHE WAS DETAINED BY "SEGURIDAD FEDERAL." ALTHOUGH THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED LAST NOVEMBER THAT SHE WAS DETAINED BY THE NAVY, THIS WAS LATER DENIED BY THE SECRETARY OF ADMIRAL MASSERA.
- 3. HER PARENTS' ADDRESS IS: INGENIERO AND MRS. GEORGIO

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